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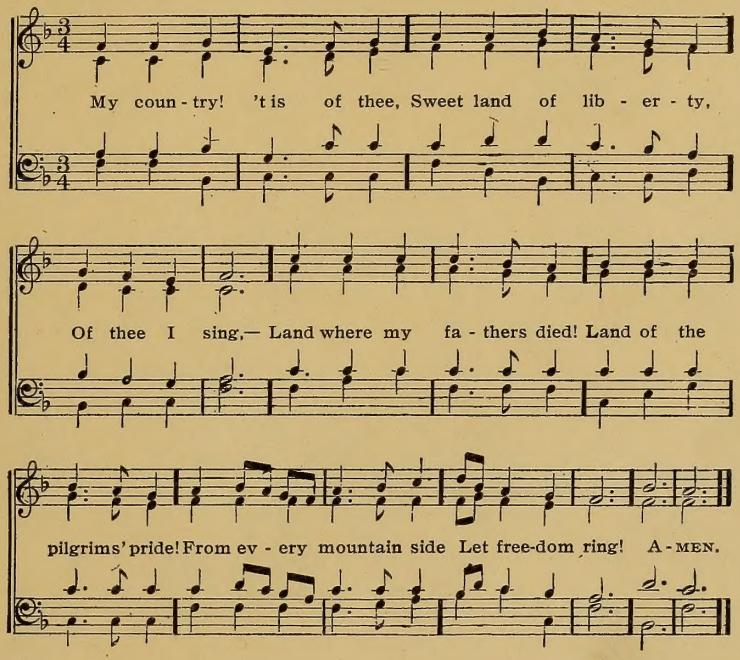
My coun - try! 't is of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,
Of thee I sing,— Land where my fa - thers died! Land of the
pilgrims' pride! From ev - ery mountain side Let free-dom ring! A - MEN.

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills:
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all trees
Sweet freedom's song:
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake
Let rocks their silence break,—
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing!
Long may our land be bright!
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

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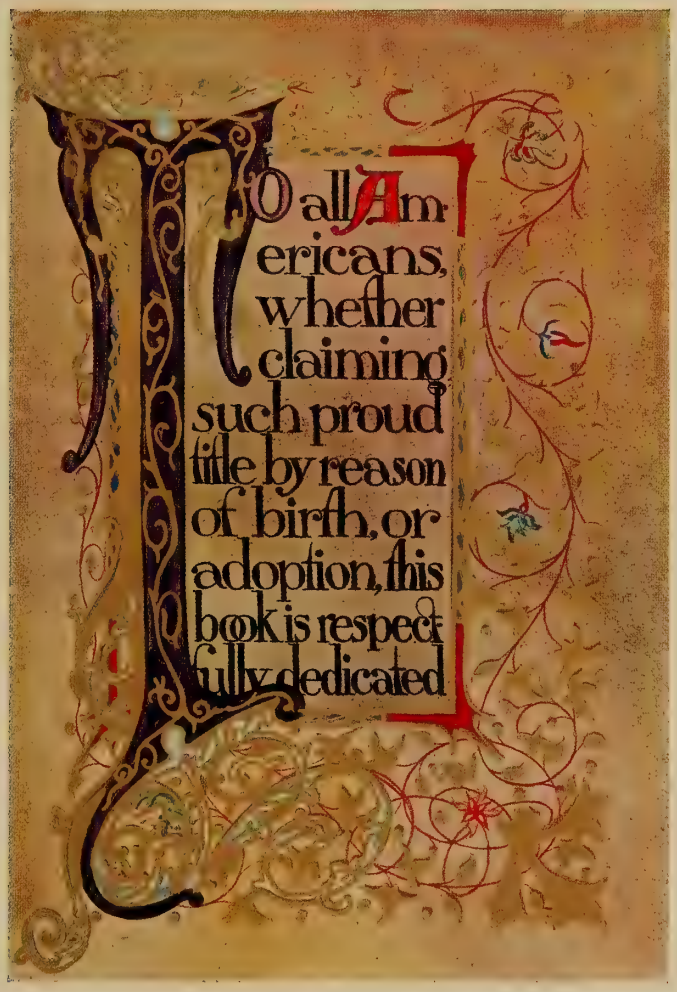
To all Americans,
whether
claiming
such proud
title by reason
of birth, or
adoption, this
book is respect-
fully dedicated

History of "America"

This patriotic hymn, which by common consent has been adopted as the American National Anthem, and which has been a source of inspiration to millions of patriotic citizens, was written by The Reverend Samuel Francis Smith D.D.

The author was born in Boston on October 21st 1808, graduated from Harvard in the famous class of '29, and entered the Theological Seminary of Andover Massachusetts

In February of the year 1832 while a student at that institution he received a book of German patriotic songs: one air attracted his attention because of its simplicity and strength, and picking up a scrap of paper he wrote, in less than half an hour, the words that have made him famous

America was first sung in public on

July 4th 1832 at the Old Park Street Church in Boston and was afterwards included in a collection of songs for school use ~ ~ ~ The author had no idea that the loyalty and patriotism he had woven into verse in his early manhood would bring him such universal fame but he lived to hear "My Country, 'tis of Thee" sung throughout the length and breadth of the land, and before his death on November 16th 1895 it was known in every quarter of the globe ~

Walter Tittle
Samuel Francis Smith

America

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring

My Country 'tis of thee

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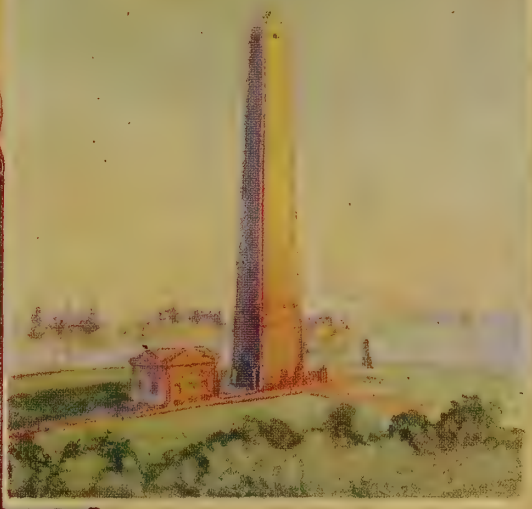

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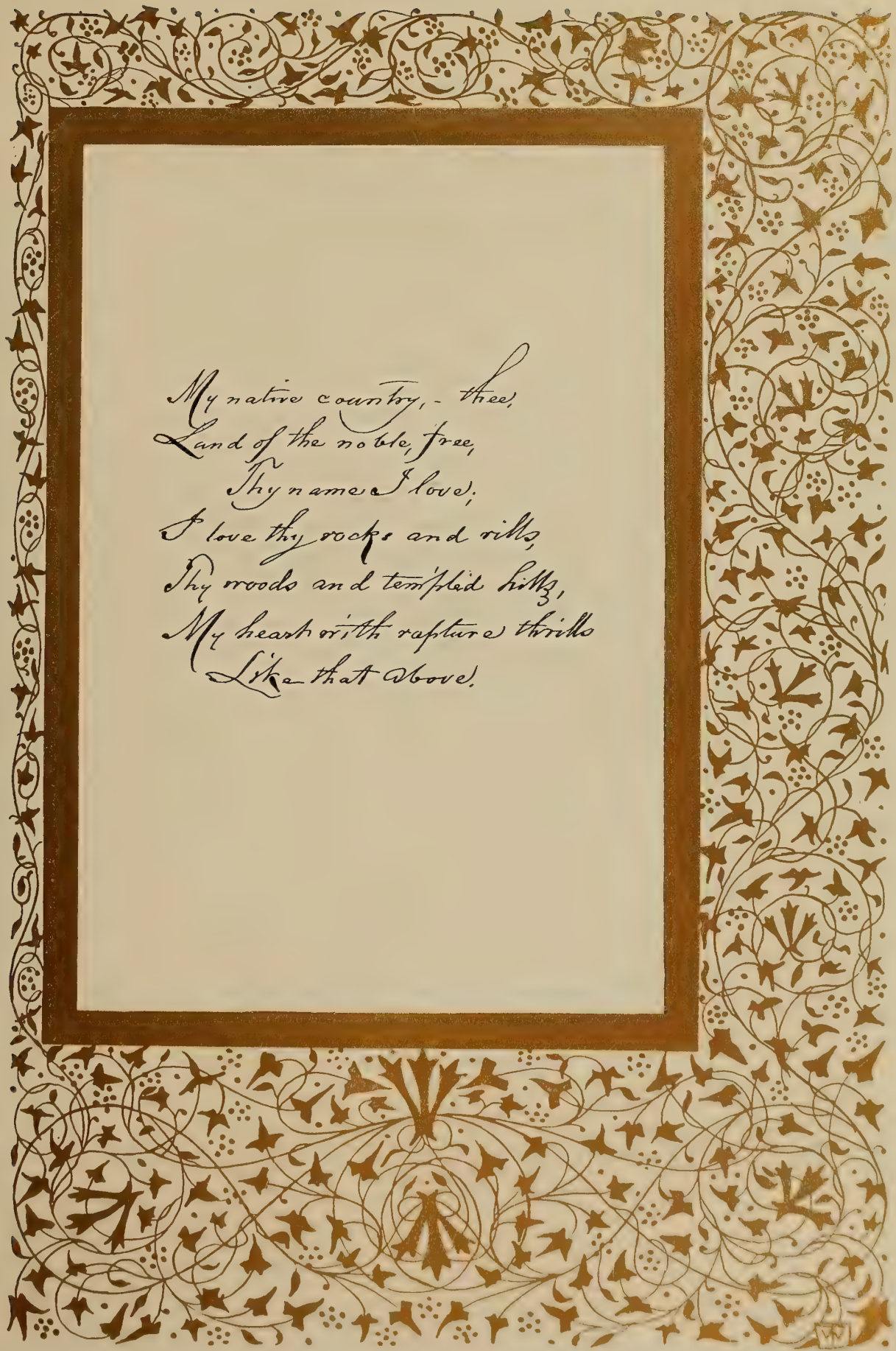
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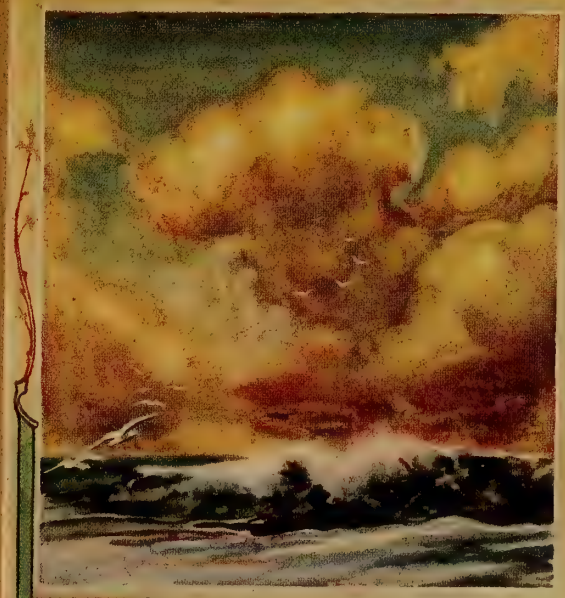

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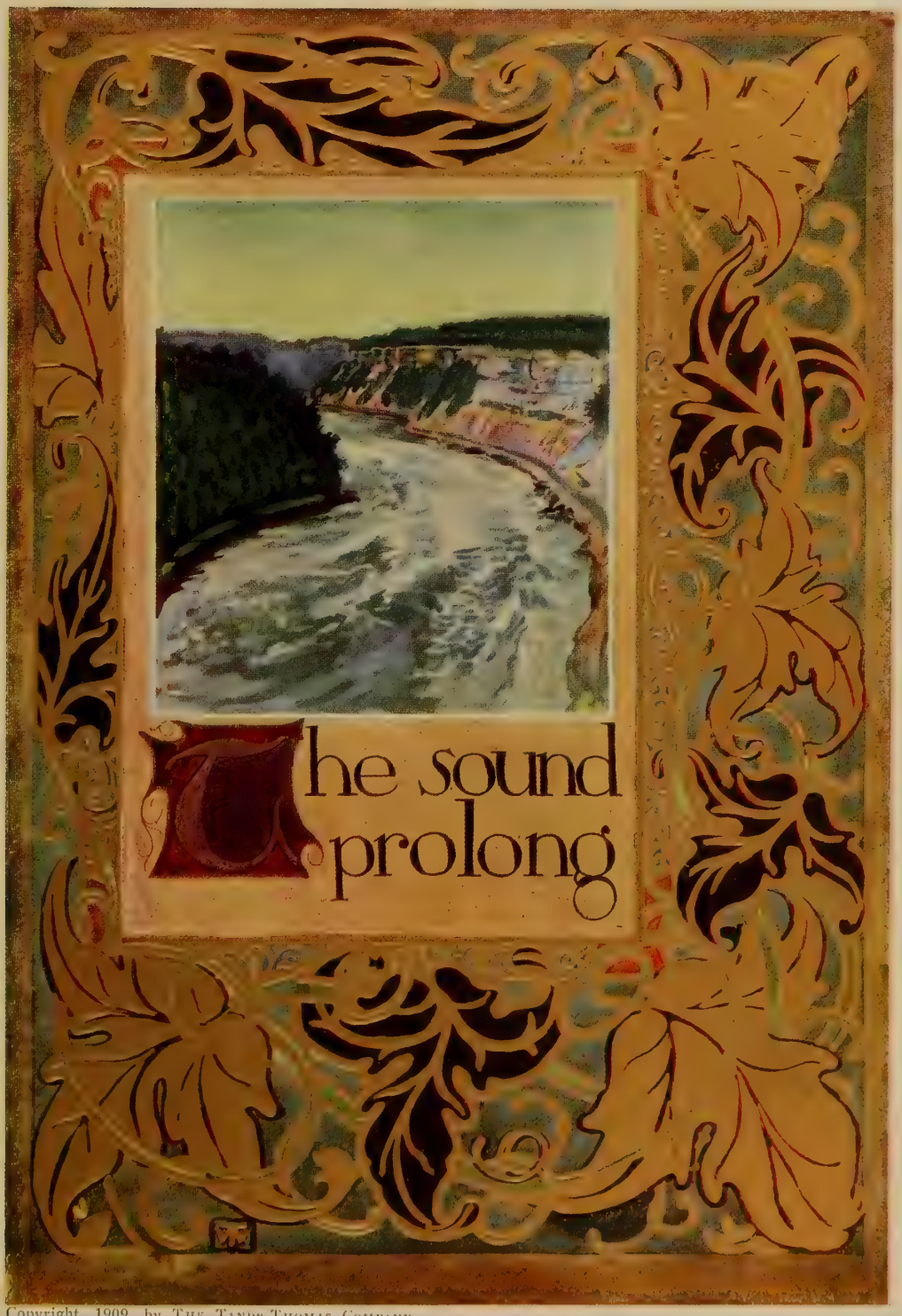

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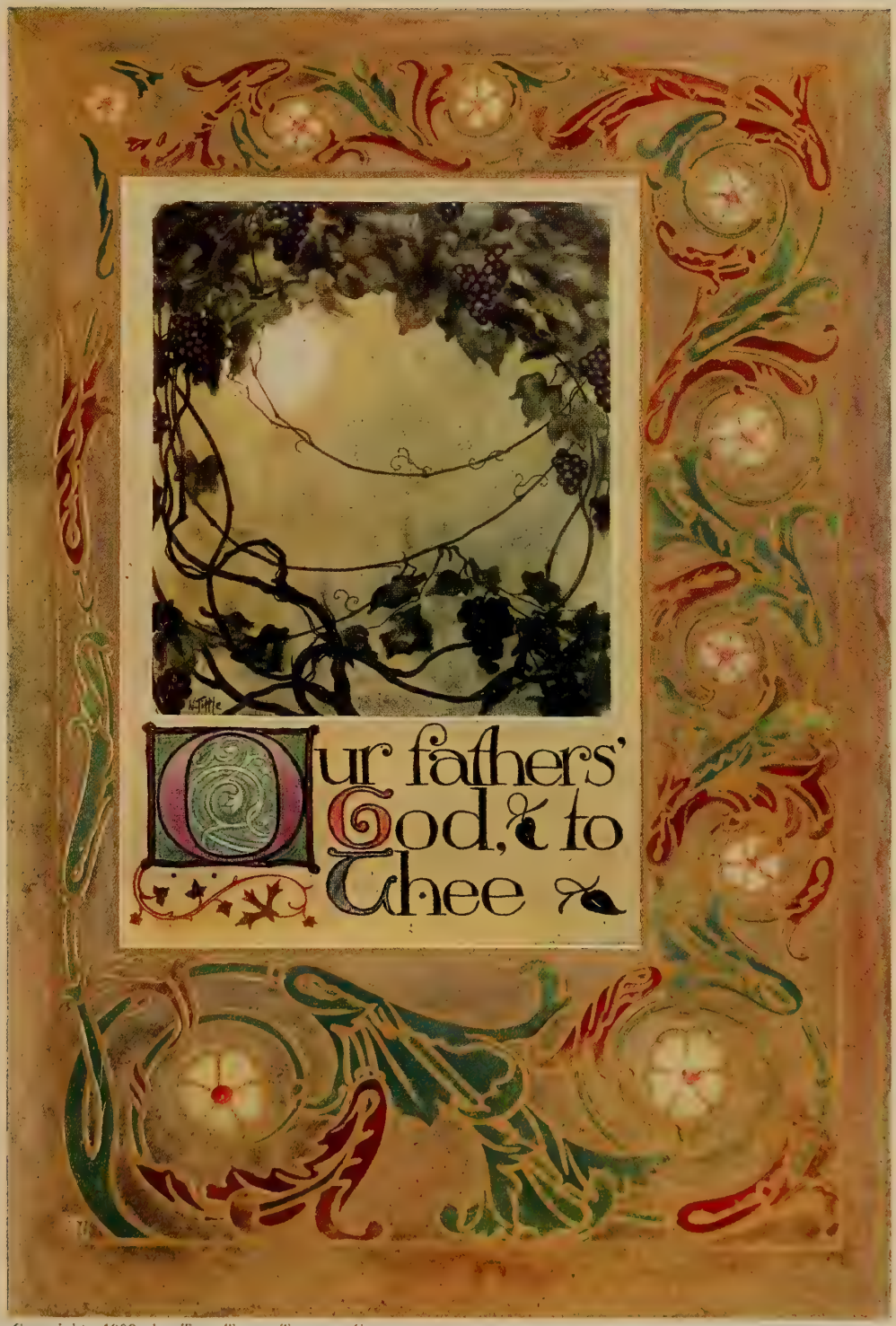

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